

Suggestions for prayer:

1. PRAY – a little prayer is better than no prayer.
2. Cultivate an attitude of prayer, enjoying God’s presence wherever you are (*Joshua 1:9; Ephesians 6:18*). Try praying for every person you come in contact with.
3. Pray for others, even your enemies (*Matthew 5:44*).
4. God wants to hear about our joys, victories, & successes as well as about our concerns, burdens, fears, and needs.

Prayer quotes:

Prayer is not overcoming God’s reluctance, but laying hold of His willingness.
Martin Luther

Unless we fix certain hours in the day for prayer, it easily slips from our memory.
John Calvin

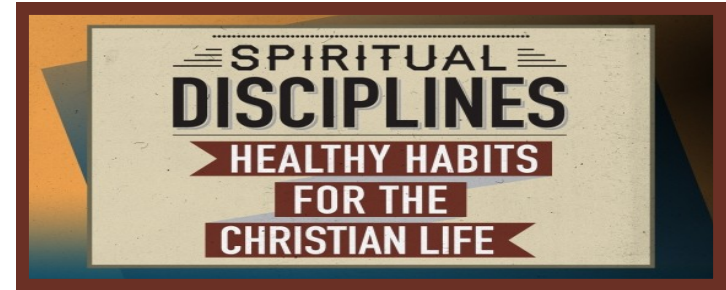
I pray because I can’t help myself. I pray because I’m helpless. I pray because the need flows out of me all the time – waking and sleeping. It does not change God, it changes me.
C. S. Lewis

Prayer is not everything but everything is by prayer.
Ray Ortlund

When a Christian shuns fellowship with other Christians, the devil smiles. When he stops reading the Bible, the devil laughs. When he stops praying, the devil shouts for joy.
Corrie Ten Boom

If I throw out a boathook from the boat and catch hold of the shore and pull, do I pull the shore to me, or do I pull myself to the shore? Prayer is not pulling God to my will, but the aligning of my will to the will of God.
E. Stanley Jones

True prayer is asking God for what He wants.
William Barclay



Message #3: Disciplines for Godliness – Prayer
Philippians 1:9-11

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1. Three Requests

A. _____ *Philippians 1:9a*

B. _____ *Philippians 1:9b*

C. _____ *Philippians 1:10a*

3. Three Results

A. _____ *Philippians 1:10b*

B. _____ *Philippians 1:11a*

C. _____ *Philippians 1:11b*

For Christians, the Bible is the most precious and important book we possess. In its pages are the divinely inspired words that guide us to know & love our God. After the Bible there are a few books that every believer should probably read and apply. On this list would be *Foxe’s Book of Martyrs*, *Pilgrim’s Progress*, *Mere Christianity*, etc. But even these great books fall behind what I consider the 2nd most important book for every Christian. What book is that?

Fill in the blank to this statement:

When it comes to prayer, I _____ !

Jesus says that we ought always to pray and never give up. Paul says to pray without ceasing. James tells us that we have not because we ask not. So why do we struggle with our prayer life?

Why is prayer so often a last resort?

When you pray do you truly expect your prayers to be answered? Why or why not?

What are the benefits of prayer?

What priority did Jesus make of prayer (*Mark 1:35-39*)?

Read *1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*. What motivates us to stay disciplined in prayer, especially when it seems that God isn't answering?

Is the main purpose of prayer to have our prayers answered? Why or why not?

What is the main purpose of prayer?

How does God communicate with us?

How do we communicate with God?

How do you respond to someone who says, *God knows everything, including what's best for everyone, so why should I pray?*

What are the benefits of prayer according to *Philippians 4:6-7*?

What is taught about prayer in *Luke 18:1-8*?

How has God proven His faithfulness to you through prayer?

What do these verses teach about prayer?

Hebrews 11:6 –

1 John 5:14-15 –

James 4:1-3 –

Please be in prayer for ABC. Don't know what to pray for? Use these prayers of Paul as a guide.

Ephesians 1:15-23 –

Ephesians 3:14-21 –

Philippians 1:9-11 –

Colossians 1:9-14 –

2 Thessalonians 1:11-12 –

Here are a few of the great prayers found in Scripture. Read them. Learn from them. Pray them.

Genesis 18:16-33 –

Exodus 32:9-14 –

1 Chronicles 29:1-30 –

2 Chronicles 6:1-7:4 –

Daniel 9:4-19 –

Habakkuk 3:1-19 –

Matthew 6:5-15 –

Matthew 26:36-47 –

John 17 –